Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1920, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses, popularly known as the 40 et 8 was organized by dedicated World War I veterans returning from France. This is an independent organization in which membership is by invitation only, an "Honor Society of all honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces"; and,

Whereas, The Forty and Eight Child Welfare program was founded in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or were unable to care for their needs after the war. The efforts of the Voyageur members is to help all children, and the Forty and Eight annually visit schools across South Dakota with their "Flags for First Graders Program," teaching patriotism and respect for the United States flag; and,

Whereas, In 1955, Voyageurs recognized the shortage of registered nurses and began their nurses training program providing scholarships to enrolled nursing students and have assisted over 50,000 nurses; and,

Whereas, The Voyageur Militaries of the Forty and Eight ask only to serve veterans, children, and their fellow human beings and to provide our children with a safe and free land of opportunity; and,

Whereas, The Forty and Eight annually hold a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day program and Memorial Service every December; and,

Whereas, The twelve dedicated voitures across South Dakota actively serve their communities and continually offer their service to children, veterans, and citizens in need:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 24–31, 2017, as

FORTY AND EIGHT WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State